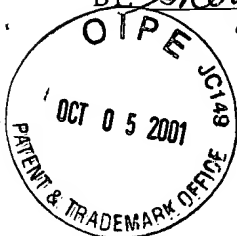


#7

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING DEPOSITED WITH THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE AS FIRST CLASS MAIL IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO: ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, WASHINGTON, DC 20231, ON THE DATE INDICATED BELOW.

BY: Sheryl R. Neumann

DATE: October 2, 2001



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re:	Patent Application of Noboru HIGASHI <i>et al.</i>	: Grout Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned : : : : Examiner: : : Group Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned : :
Conf. No.:	7117	
Appln. No.:	09/916,181	
Filed:	July 26, 2001	
For:	METHOD FOR INSPECTION OF CIRCUIT BOARDS AND APPARATUS FOR INSPECTION OF CIRCUIT BOARDS	: Attorney Docket : No. 8861-413US : (P26315-01)

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

It is requested that the enclosed reference(s) listed on the attached Information Disclosure Citation Form PTO/SB/08/A or B be considered by the Patent Examiner in connection with the above-identified application and be made of record therein.

Independent consideration and acknowledgment of the enclosed reference(s) are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

NOBORU HIGASHI *et al.*

10/2/01

(Date)

By: 

LESLIE L. KASTEN, JR.

Registration No. 28,959

AKIN, GUMP, STRAUSS, HAUER & FELD, L.L.P.

One Commerce Square

2005 Market Street, Suite 2200

Philadelphia, PA 19103-7086

Telephone: (215) 965-1200

Direct Dial: (215) 965-1290

Facsimile: (215) 965-1210

E-Mail: lkasten@akingump.com

LLK:sm
Enclosure

